

Museum Park Super Neighborhood (MPSN) Council Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – Location: Zoom

Call to Order

MPSN Council President O'Reilly convened the virtual meeting at 5:30 p.m. (Roll call appears below.) This meeting was recorded. After the minutes are approved the recording will be deleted.

HPD Report – HPD not present

Harris County District 7 Constable Report - Sgt. J. Hall, Constable Office

- Contact information for Sgt. J. Hall: Field Operations Lt.; mobile: 832-247-4659 or dispatch: 713-643-6602; https://constable7.harriscountytx.gov/
- James Phillips is the new Harris County Constable for Dist. 7. You may contact the Constable Office with the same concerns that you would contact HPD.
- Questions about the increase in the unhoused population at Main St. and in Hermann Park (Fannin and Cambridge). The City is launching a city-wide effort to address this increase. Larry Satterwhite is heading the City initiative.
- Corey Glenn (COH District D) confirmed that the Homeless initiative is being led by Mr. Larry Satterwhite; Kelly Young, President of the Coalition for the Homeless; and Angela Blanchard, the City's chief recovery and resilience officer. Ms. Blanchard and Mr. Satterwhite are charged with coordinating COH efforts to resolve this problem.
- Sgt. Hall said OST/Almeda TIRZ is providing \$100,000 funding to help pay for HPD overtime.
 These funds will flow through the Greater Southeast Management District.
- Russ Frank explained Metro is also working with the Mayor's coalition to address the unhoused population.

President's Report - Kathleen O'Reilly

- MPSN received a \$7,000 Department of Neighborhoods (DON) grant, which will be used for the
 Museum Park Urban Forestry program; this work will be completed by June 1st. Over 500 trees
 are being managed; the 2025 phase is urban forestry work on Calumet. Parking Benefit District
 revenue will be used for a \$5,000 matching grant and an additional \$7,398.00 for a total
 \$24,398.00 effort. Sandra Cortez (sandra.cortez@houstontx.gov) is the Department of
 Neighborhoods grant coordinator, per COH DON liaison James Ronji.
- An additional DON grant for \$2,000 is available for administrative expenses; expenses are
 reimbursable upon submitting receipts to DON. This is an annual renewable fund, and unused
 dollars do not roll over to the next year. This money would pay for the MPSN website, domain
 registration, etc. Motion was made by Bill Powell and seconded by Kyle Wolfe to approve the
 use of these grant funds to reimburse MPSN for these items. Motion passed.

• Traffic Calming – still on hold. Corey Glenn mentioned that the managing department has experienced significant personnel attrition. Corey will follow up to try to move this forward. The funding dollars are still there.

VP Report – Kyle Wolfe

- Hermann Park has identified 22 individuals who are unhoused or compromised. Five of those
 individuals have accepted services. The other 17 are involved in criminal activity (drugs,
 exposures, etc.)
- Hermann Park Conservancy is working with COH partners to resolve this issue.
- The Great Elephant Migration Art Exhibit will be on display during the month of April.

Secretary-Treasurer Report – Bill Powell

- A motion was made by Kyle Wolfe, seconded by Sandy Stevens to approve January 8, 2025 minutes. No objections. Minutes were approved and will be posted on the MPSN Website.
- Origin Bank Balance is \$1,128.83 as of February 12, 2025

Stakeholder Reports

MPNA – Sandy Stevens

- The Oyster Hut has applied for a Liquor Permit on Almeda.
- Question from II Palazzo Condominium Association regarding urban forestry timeline. II Palazzo would like to plant on Calumet in front of their building. MPNA Green Team would maintain this area.

Museum Park Security Alliance (Absent)

No report

Houston Museum District – Rayanne Darensbourg

No report

Museum Park Business Alliance - (Absent)

No report.

Announcements

- Hope Spears with the Harris County Elections Office described her job function. She is available by email: hope.spears@vote.hctx.net
- Kimberlie Spivey with HCC has dates on HCC classes.
- Brad Levy reported that according to HPD there may be a massive protest against ICE on Friday, February 14, 2025, in Hermann Park from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Rashad Cave, DON, is sending the just-completed City Efficiency Study. Anyone can download it: https://www.houstontx.gov/efficiencystudy/COH-Efficiency-Study-Final-Report.pdf
- The City Efficiency Study reviews all City departments and shows the mindset of the Mayor's direction for the City. It is about 230 pages.

Closing Remarks

Next Meeting dates: March 12, 2025, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

Motion to adjourned made by Russ Frank, seconded by Sandy Stevens. Meeting adjourned 6:35 p.m.

MPSN Council Delegates, Alternates, and Others in Attendance

| \boxtimes | Kathleen O'Reilly, President, Residents Delegate 1 | | Science Delegate 1 | | Theatre Delegate |
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| | | | Ryan Granger, Business Alliance | | Cara Lambright, Hermann Park |
| \boxtimes | Kyle Wolfe, Vice President, | | Delegate 1 | | Conservancy Alternate |
| | Hermann Park Conservancy Delegate 1 | | Vacant, Business Alliance Delegate 2 | | Vacant, Health Care Facilities Delegate |
| × | William Powell, Secretary/ Treasurer, Residents Delegate 2 | ⊠ | Rayanne Darensbourg, Museum & Cultural Institutions Delegate 1 | | Vacant, Health Care Facilities Alternate |
| × | Sandra Stevens, Residents Delegate 3 | | Amy Yeatts, Museum & Cultural Institutions Delegate 2 | ⊠ | Ashlee Ross, Faith-based Institutions Delegate |
| × | Russ Frank, Residents Delegate 4 (High Rise) | | Monica Rhodes, South Main Alliance Delegate | | Paul Wilson, Faith-based Institutions Alternate |
| Ri | Rise Alternate | | Susan Young, South Main Alliance Alternate | | Tonia Labbe, Education Delegate |
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| × | Brad Levy, Museum of Natural | | Claudia deVasco, Miller Outdoor | _ | Alternate |
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Others in Attendance: Nat Treadway, Corey Glenn, Kimberlie Spivey (HCC), James Ronji, Hope Spears (HCCO elections), Rashad Cave (DON), Renee Hughes (RAS-unidentified).